

# Community News

## Carol and Rue Marler receive Livestock Production Award

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Carol and Rue Marler have been awarded the Livestock Production Award by the 1999 Coffee County Farm-City Week Committee.

The Marlers have raised four children in Elba and while they were at it, they also raised a whole bunch of cattle.

Mr. Marler started in 1955 with five brood cows and also worked at Dorsey's Trailer in Elba. He stayed at Dorsey's for 44



From left to right: Carol Marler, Rue Marler and Coffee County Extension Agent Stan Windham.

years and remained as a consultant to the company from 1993 until 1995.

In 1968, the Marlers constructed a catfish pond from which they have sold fish for many years. The pond is 3.5 acres and usually is stocked with about 10,000 catfish. It is open to the public several times a year.

Today, the Marler farm consists of 140 acres of owned land, 250 acres of rented land, 150 head of cattle, and 6 chicken houses. They also own a trailer park which contains 17 mobile homes.

## Ring in the new year on the square in Elba

Plans are being made for a "Millennium Celebration" on the square in downtown Elba for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1999. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is working to make it an event to remember and enjoy. Be sure to catch all the details in upcoming issues of The Elba Clipper, and make your plans now to ring in the new year and millennium with your neighbors and fellow citizens on the square in downtown Elba.

## English Farm receives award

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

During the recent Farm-City Celebration in Coffee County, the English Farm received the Forestry Management Award.



Rob and Nellie English

their entire life. Rob is a farmer, businessman, and timber manager. In fact, he started managing timber before it became a commodity practice to manage, cut, and market timber.

Mr. and Mrs. English have one son, Chris, who is also involved in the management of trees on the farm property. The English Farm has over 500 acres of timber, and timber has been harvested off the land eight (8) times since 1941. English's interest in timber started in 1939 when his father asked him to help with the forestry management on the family farm. He has been heavily involved in forestry management ever since.

Rob English has strong community involvement ties all over the state. He has served on the Soil Conservation Service Board of Directors for 26 years, ALFA Board of Directors, Damascus Water Board, County Hog Producers Board, Coffee County Gattlemen's Association, and the Choctawhatchee-Pea River Water Authority. He was a member of the first Forestry Committee organized in the state in 1985, and is currently vice-chairman of the ALFA Forestry Committee.

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## ROAD NUMBER CHANGE REQUEST TABLED

## Commissioners question van purchase

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Sparking the most discussion in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission was the seemingly already done-deal purchase of a van.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley asked the commission what they proposed to do about the 15-passenger van, a 1994 Dodge, that had been picked up from the state surplus lot in Montgomery. He told commissioners that the price was \$11,775.

"It's my understanding that the primary purpose is that it is to be used by the county commission and the county extension office," said Mobley. "The van has got 50,000 miles on it and we've got thirty days to pay for it. What is the wish of the commission?"

Commissioner Len Averett made a motion, seconded by Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis, that the van be purchased. He said Coffee County Family Services was also in need of the use of a van and would be willing to reimburse the county.

During the discussion of the motion to buy the van, Chairman Lewis said the commission had talked about purchasing a van for a couple of years and that everyone seemed to be in favor of it. He also noted that Mobley had, at his instruction, brought the van to New Brockton for the commission to look at, ride and consider purchasing.

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addressing system inside the city limits is different than the one in the county - outside the city limits.

"This is confusing to emergency responders," said Webb. "We want our system to be such that a person not familiar with the county can find any given residence at any time."

The road, Co. Rd. 709, now runs from 708 across AL Hwy. 167 to AL Hwy. 134. Webb suggested that 7 of a mile of 709 east from AL Hwy. 167 be renumbered as 746.

The renumbering will cause an address change to seven county residences and one business. A one year grace period will be given to those residents allowing them to make the proper notifications of their address change.

During the discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple, in whose district the affected residents live, expressed his concern of yet another address change for his constituents. "The residents of the area are tired of address changes," he said.

Webb's response to the commissioner's concern was, "The alternative is to leave it alone and hope that nothing happens."

"After discussing the matter with both the county and city engineers, mayor, and postal officials, this was the plan we thought was the best," said Webb. "I'm open to suggestions from the commission."

County Engineer Randy Tindell agreed that Webb's proposal was probably the best solution to the problem. He also told commissioners that he is in the process of printing a new up-dated map of the county (due to be printed the first

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## Rep. Terry Spicer appointed to AWIB

On Dec. 2, 1999, Representative Terry Spicer, Coffee County District 91, received notification from the Speaker of the House, Seth Hammett, Covington County, appointing him to the Alabama Workforce Investment Board.

Rep. Spicer received one of only two appointments named by Speaker Hammett. His appointment to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was effective immediately upon receiving the letter from the Speaker.

The Workforce Investment System is the method of delivery of employment and training services at the state and local levels to individuals who need those services, including job seekers, dislocated workers, youth, new entrants to the workforce, and employers, under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

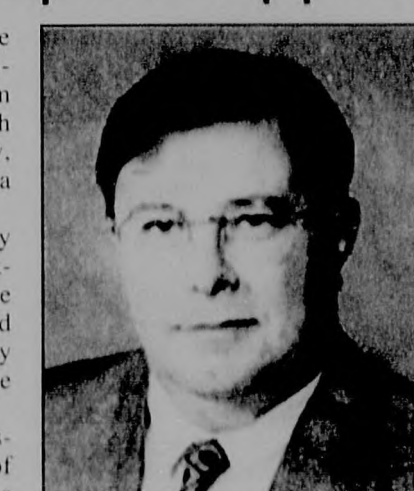
To receive federal funding for these services, a state's governor is required to establish a state workforce investment board to designate local workforce investment areas; and to oversee the creation of local workforce investment boards covering the state and one-stop delivery systems.

The Workforce Investment Act includes four titles: Title I is Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker Programs; Title II is Adult Education; Title III is Employment Service.

The functions of the Workforce Investment Act Board are to assist the Governor with a state plan, statewide activities, provide comments on vocational education activities, designate local workforce areas, develop optional allocation formulas for youth and adult funds, prepare annual reports, develop a state employment statistics system, and develop application, if desired, for national incentive grant to the state.

Mandatory one-stop partners include: Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, Employment Service, adult education and literacy, vocational rehabilitation, Welfare-to-Work, Older Americans Act I, post secondary vocational education, trade adjustment assistance, veterans employment services, Community Services Block Grant, House & Urban Development, and unemployment compensation.

Voluntary one-stop partners include: welfare reform, food stamp employment and training, food



Rep. Terry Spicer

stamp workforce, national and community service and others.

Examples of Workforce Investment activities will include: rapid response to plant closures and mass layoffs, distributing lists of eligible training providers, conducting evaluations, providing incentive grants to local areas, helping establish one-stop systems, operating a fiscal and management accountability information system, and assistance for areas with high concentrations of eligible youth.

"I am very honored to receive this appointment from Speaker Hammett," said Rep. Spicer. "The WIB should play a critical role in the state's effort to recruit new business and industry. The one-stop concept is something that we have needed in the state for some time. Having one-stop centers should make it easier and more convenient to provide needed resources to our people. In addition, this concept should provide a more efficient means of distributing services throughout the state."

The council approved a resolution authorizing the mayor and city clerk to negotiate with the U. S. Post Office on locating and con-

struction of a new postal facility in Elba.

At the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes, the council authorized the spending of \$5,000 for a study on the cost and feasibility of a city owned cable TV system. Elba will be considering a fiber optic cable system connected to the City

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Pictured above "inspecting" the progress being made on the renovation are (l-r): Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis, Rep. Terry Spicer, Center Director Mildred Ziglar, and her husband, Shellee Ziglar.

## New Hope Senior Center renovation

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

There are several senior citizens in the New Hope Community, about 150, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new millennium.

The New Hope Senior Citizens' Center, formerly the old cafeteria building at the old New Hope Junior High School, is undergoing a major "face lift."

renovated by Russell Construction. The completion date has been set at February 1, 2000.

The building has been "gutted" and will be repartitioned and remodeled to better utilize the space of the old building which was basically in "pretty good" shape. It

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Elba City Council hears levee report

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held two council meetings Monday evening, hoping to clear out all city business before the Christmas holidays.

The first meeting covered the routine monthly housekeeping chores: paying bills, signing proclamations, accepting bids and getting updates of ongoing projects.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that two of the three recommended storm warning sirens are on line and will be tested this week. He also noted that the bugs have been worked out of the 911 system and it is working fine.

The council accepted the high bid of \$8,500 for the FEMA buy-out house at 758 Williams Street. Winning bidder was Donald Hussey.

The employee personnel manual was amended to restructure the employee review board. It removes the mayor and mayor pro-tem from the pool of members and adds four citizens. Those named to the enlarged pool are: Mary McMillian, Eddie Kelley, Dick Chaney and Mickey Murdock. Others who also are available to serve on this review board are: the chief of police, W & E chairman and the councilman of the employees' choice.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

All the hurt came back to Americans this week when law enforcement officials released the video tapes made by the two boys in Colorado who shot the details from two obviously very mixed up teenagers did to us, we can only imagine the feelings of the parents of the students killed and wounded in that despicable event. We suspect parents of school children across the nation have to restart their hearts every time there is news of another shooting or bombing at an American school (or kindergarten).

It is almost time for Santa to arrive again. Apparently he is getting a lot of advice on what gifts people want this year. Friends who have had the nerve to hit the shopping malls in neighboring towns report a mass of fellow shoppers scrambling to buy gifts or send a message to the ol' bearded one himself. We hope everyone gets what they want!

The Corp of Engineers is moving ever closer to a major overhaul of the Elba levee. We listened with selfish interest Monday night as they laid out their plan for the project. One major change from previous indications from Corp officials is that they are not, we repeat not going to be digging down and "coring" down to the solid clay. They explained Monday that the widening they are planning will make that unnecessary because the weak places broke and were fixed during the last two floods. When questioned deeper (from this flood victim) they carefully explained that the much wider base of the levee should prevent seepage from undermining and destroying the levee, as long as it is properly maintained by mowing and removing all trees from the levee. Okay.

Last Friday evening we had the pleasure of attending the Christmas presentation at Elba High School which was sponsored by National Security Insurance Group. These events continue to be one of the highlights of the year and the company doesn't receive enough praise on the back for doing this, doing it free for the community and inviting the whole community. We salute those responsible for the vision and those who are carrying the vision to reality.

The latest blunder in Montgomery was in getting the official state Christmas tree from Georgia. Oh, how terrible. Actually we are trying to be funny. Sure it is always best to "shop at home" but are we not the biggest problem on our minds today is the fact a Christmas tree was grown across a manmade imaginary line in a neighboring state? Lands sales folks, things must be going mighty well in the state of Alabama. We all have great jobs, are in good health, friends are all smiling at us and perceived enemies have turned out to be our best friends, etc., so we worry about the origin of a single tree.

Y2K continues to be a buzz word in the world. Some are planning to get in a boat and wait for the world to come crashing down, others are just worrying. Personally we expect some little glitches, but it will be life as usual for the most part. We read with interest a study which showed that on December 31 each year there is a power outage somewhere in America, due to weather problems. Cars break down, machines quit working and planes crash on a regular basis, but writers of the report predict that anything which happens within 48 hours of the big change will be blamed on Y2K by most people.

World War II Memorial Honors  
Home Front Heroes

(NAPS)—During World War II, an 800 percent increase in military manufacturing and advanced technology allowed the U.S. to build one military plane every five minutes and a new war ship every day. Millions of Americans on the home front responded to President Roosevelt's plea for America to become "the great arsenal of democracy." Industrial facilities were converted to the task of military production at the onset of World War II, and women by the thousands were recruited to take the place of male workers who left for the battlefronts.

The contributions and sacrifices of home front heroes will be honored along with the 16 million Americans who served in uniform when the National World War II Memorial is built on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

The memorial, whose cost is estimated at \$100 million, will be funded primarily through private contributions and constructed under the watchful eye of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Organizers hope to break ground by Veterans Day 2000, but the construction funds must first be in hand.

A public service advertising campaign featuring two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks is helping raise the project's visibility. Many states have also passed or expect to pass legislation to contribute funds for the memorial.

Organizers hope the memorial will inspire future generations to carry on the legacy of those Americans who stepped forward when their country called upon them. They praise the memorial as a timeless salute to a generation of Americans who helped secure victory.

According to campaign National Chairmen Senator Bob Dole and Frederick W. Smith, Chairman and CEO of FDX Corporation, "it's time to say thank you to the millions of men and women who did nothing less than help save the world."

Members of the World War II generation can be recognized in the memorial's Registry of Remembrances, a permanent record of those whose sacrifice preserved the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today. Information about the Registry and how to help build the World War II Memorial can be obtained by visiting the web site at [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com) or by calling the toll-free customer service line at 1-800-639-4JWW2.

Tax deductible donations in honor of living or deceased members of the World War II generation may also be sent to World War II Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 96766, Washington, D.C. 20090-6766.

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Congress accomplishes a lot  
for the American people

As the U.S. House adjourned after eleven months of work for the American people, it left behind quite a list of accomplishments. From families to seniors to our national defense, Americans from all walks of life should benefit from Congress's actions to block tax increases, keep the budget balanced, and pay down the national debt while providing increased funding for vital programs like education and national defense.

Some argue that this year, the First Session of the 106th Congress, was perhaps the most productive for the American people since Congress first gained the majority in 1995. For sure, this year many of our goals have been realized, including protecting Social Security and Medicare for our seniors. For the first time since 1961, Congress cut the Social Security trust fund for general operating (non Social Security and Medicare) expenses. In fact, at the end of this year the Social Security Trust Fund is projected to have a \$147 billion surplus. And, the House is committed to protecting that surplus by having voted on May 26 to place these excess Social Security funds in a lock box.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 7, 1999, through December 13, 1999. They were: Betty Sams, Cecil Adkins, Glen Roberts, Cortez Chism, Kelinda Griffin, Sherrie Manning, Inez Hussey, Fannie Brooks, Charlotte Blackburn, John Johnson, Patricia Oswalt, Missouri Johnson, Mary Bryan, Joseph Chandler, Tremayne Warren, Essie Bell, Charles Hurd, Jeremy Pippin, Theo Mauldin, Charles Kennett, William Hooks, Mary Mack, Patti Marshall, Zedie Johnson, Norris Mullins, Newton King, Dena Hudson, Jacqueline Harbuck, Josephine Green, N. B. Campbell, Henry Elland, Allan Belcher, Bennie Spurlin, and Merika Crawford.

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- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria
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## From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Also one for the record books, the federal government continues to make substantial payments on the \$5 trillion national debt. We paid down \$51 billion in 1998, \$88 billion this year, and we'll pay another \$131 billion next year to remove our children from the shackles of debt. The last time the federal government made a sizable payment on the national debt was in 1969.

Speaking of 1969, that was also the last year that the federal budget was balanced, prior to 1998. And the conservative Congress has continued that phenomenal record by once again passing a balanced budget. And we did it without raising your taxes or raiding the Social Security Trust Fund. This is quite an accomplishment when you consider that the President in January asked for \$176 billion in new spending and almost 90 tax increases. We said "No."

On the education front, we also won approval from the White House to allow 25 percent of new funds going to hire additional teachers to be used to improve teacher quality. We've pushed for increased local control of federal education funds, emphasizing that parents, local school teachers and administrators, not Washington bureaucrats, know what's best for our children.

Standing up for our national defense, Congress voted to increase defense spending by \$4.5 billion next year, including the overhaul of the military retirement system and a much-needed 4.8 percent pay raise for our military personnel. Congress is determined to rebuild our military after the Clinton Administration's neglect. The Administration's past cuts have been so severe and its "peacekeeping" deployments so numerous and widespread that we've sent ships to sea short-handed by 400 sailors each.

These are just some of the gains won for the American people by this Congress. In the coming weeks, I'll share more of our successes with you in this column.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 6, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, two forgeries, one sexual assault, two domestic disturbances, and one DUI.

The following arrests were made: one for assault and one for theft by deception.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for no driver's license in possession, two for seat belt violation, nine for speeding, two for running a stop sign, two for driving while driver's license are revoked, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6** - River stage - 3.00 (6:12 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 110 (7:35 a.m.); Prowler reported on AL Hwy. 189N (10:50 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7** - Alarm at a residence on Co. Rd. 502 (12:42 a.m.); River stage - 3.11 (6:16 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Oak Avenue (6:51 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8** - River stage - 3.13 feet (6:32 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (2:34 p.m.); routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9** -

match and can also be in-kind service. Mayor Grimes informed council members that city crews would be addressing a trash problem on West Street in the next few days.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10** - River stage - 3.19 feet (6:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Tucker Street (8:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 105 (2:53 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Co. Rd. 114 and AL Hwy. 167N (3:08 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11** - River stage - 3.18 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Morrow Street (9:43 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (1:03 p.m.); Fight reported on Cedar Lane Drive (9:30 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12** - River stage - 3.19 feet (6:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 110 (1:31 p.m.); Wreck reported on Co. Rd. 636 (5:56 p.m.).

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of the year) and that any changes should be made as soon as possible.

After several minutes of further discussion, the commissioners agreed to table the matter for further review and take no action until the January 10th meeting.

In other business, the commission accepted the lone bid on computer software and hardware for the probate office. Gemini Consultants (John Brim) submitted a bid of \$25,831.11 on 1-11 units.

County Administrator Mobley stated that the bid was submitted in such a manner that the purchase could remain within the budgeted amount for the computer equipment purchase. He said he was not sure but thought the amount was approximately \$20,000. This would mean that not all 11 units would be purchased.

Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following:

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existing Opp system from the West boundary of the proposed Elba system. Grimes noted that the Elba cable system had recently been purchased by AT&T, which has shown little active interest in upgrading the Elba cables and this month it was announced that AT&T was planning to exchange several cable systems, including Elba, with Charter Cable. The mayor said cable TV reception and selection has created many, many of the complaints his office has received and there seems to be no relief in sight.

The survey will take two to three months. Installing the system would take a local option bill in the Alabama legislature; however, Grimes said our legislative delegation sees no problem getting that passed in the next legislative session.

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will sport a new metal roof and space heaters and window air conditioner units will be replaced with a central heating and cooling unit. New furniture as well as new appliances will be installed in the facility.

At one time, the project looked like it was not going to happen, but Coffee County's legislative delegation, Sen. Jimmy Holley and Rep. Terry Spicer, got involved in the process and saw it to a successful conclusion.

Coffee County Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis explained that the project was in jeopardy after former Governor Fob James was defeated by Gov. Don Siegelman. The 1998 notification of the grant award made by Gov. James was rescinded by the incoming

administration with the explanation that more grants were handed out than there was money to fund. It was at that point that Rep. Spicer and Sen. Holley went to work and finally got the grant approved.

The building is actually owned by Coffee County and is leased to the Southeast Alabama Regional Commission on Aging. Currently the center serves 18 meals a day at the center with 8 additional meals being delivered to homebound individuals in the community.

In surveying the construction last Friday, Rep. Spicer commented, "This is really more than just a senior citizens center. It will also serve as a community room for all the citizens of the area. Sen. Holley and I were glad to be able to help see this project come to pass."

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## AREA DEATHS

**SILVIE ISHMA HOLDER-FIELD**  
Silvie Ishma Holderfield, age 91, of 1800 Neil Granham Drive, Elba, died Dec. 10, 1999 at Hartford Health Care.

Graveside services were held Dec. 12, 1999 in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Rev. Ray Simson and Rev. Jack Giddon officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed.

Survivors include two sons: Doug Holderfield, Elba; Terry Holderfield, Heflin, Ala.; one daughter: Sybil Rhoades, Albertville, Ala.; 10 grandchildren.

**SALLIE BRYAN LOTT**  
Mrs. Sallie Bryan Lott, age 91, of 219 Richardson Road, Dozier, Ala.,

died Dec. 12, 1999 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 1999 at Friendship Baptist Church with Rev. Randall Pearson and Rev. Buford Brady officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: Doug Holderfield, Elba; Terry Holderfield, Heflin, Ala.; one daughter: Sybil Rhoades, Albertville, Ala.; 10 grandchildren.

**HAYDEN O'NEAL PRIOR**  
Mr. Hayden O'Neal Prior, age 73, of Stone Mountain, died Dec. 3, 1999.

He was born to Robert and Pearl Prior in Alaga, Ga., on Aug. 24, 1926. He met Hazel Brunson in Elba, and they married in 1944. He was a staff sergeant in Korea during WW II. After returning home, he graduated from Auburn University and went on to work as a building inspector for the City of Atlanta. In 1955, he began his career with Fulton Federal S & L as an inspector loan officer; eventually V.P. and

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# CHURCH

Coffee County DHR is looking for more families to adopt children

The Department of Human Resources (DHR) is placing more children for adoption than ever before. However, there are still far too many Alabama children waiting for permanent homes.

Coffee County DHR Director Joyce Stanford said that about 140 children across the state are ready and waiting to be adopted, and that DHR wants to place them as quickly as possible. "We don't want these children to wait any longer than necessary for a permanent family," said Ms. Stanford.

She said that some of the waiting children are considered to be "special needs" children. These children include large sibling groups and children with emotional, physical, or mental difficulties.

She said that these children can be adopted at no cost to the adoptive family. In many cases, the

family can even receive a financial subsidy.

DHR began working this year with the Birmingham-based agency Family Finders to help recruit and prepare adoptive families for children awaiting placement. Family Finders maintains a toll-free telephone service to provide interested families with adoption information. The number is 1-800-926-8887. Family Finders can also be reached through its website, [www.familyfinders.org](http://www.familyfinders.org).

Family Finders also publishes a newsletter featuring photos and information about Alabama children available for adoption.

In addition, the state's waiting children are now featured on the

www.adoption.org website (www.adoption.org). The Alabama web page is linked to the national Faces of Adoption website.

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\*\*\*Birthdays - December: Steven Bennett - Dec. 10; Anthony Kelley - Dec. 11; Linda Daniels - Dec. 11; Mary Alice Hooks - Dec. 14; Grover Belcher Sr. - Dec. 23 (In Memory Of); Mary Nell Harris - Dec. 25; Shane Williams - Dec. 25; William Edward Hooks - Dec. 25; Turan Warren - Dec. 24; Sean and Shane Warren - Dec. 24; Melody Bennett - Dec. 26.

\*\*\*Christmas Program of the Rocky Head MB Church will be Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner will follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

\*\*\*Winter Revival of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church in Elba will be Dec. 13-17. The evangelist will be Rev. H.J. Fitchard, pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal

Church in Ozark, Ala. Invited choirs include: Monday night - Rocky Head Baptist Church, New Zion MB Church and Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church; Tuesday night - Oak Grove MB Church, Elba Circuit African Methodist Episcopal Churches, Piney Grove MB Church; Wednesday night - Elba Zion MB Church, Harris Temple Church of God In Christ, New Philadelphia Church of God In Christ; Thursday night - Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bethlehem MB Church, St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church; Friday night - New Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church of Ozark, Samson - Geneva Circuit African Methodist Episcopal Churches and St. Paul A.M.E. Church of Scotsville.

\*\*\*Benefit Program for Peggy Edwards at the Southeast Singing Convention Building in Elba will be Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. All Churches, groups, soloists and choirs are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Cunningham family and others. Lend a Helping Hand!

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

Mt. Olive Baptist Church to hear Christmas musical "Mattie in Bethlehem" December 19

The children, youth and adult choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church located in the Pine Level community, Elba, will present "Mattie in Bethlehem," Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. A

Hayride for children to be held at Westside Baptist Church

On Saturday, Dec. 18, there will be a hayride at Westside Baptist Church for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade. It will begin at 4 p.m. and include a hot dog supper which will follow the hayride. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

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### Give A Gift That Lasts

Here we are just a few days away from Christmas. The stores are booming with shoppers looking for that perfect gift. We spend countless hours shopping, trying to find that gift that says "Just for you." Sometimes this can be frustrating and stressful when we fail to find what we are looking for. Are you one of those who is having trouble selecting a Christmas gift for a family member or friend? Or perhaps you don't have the money to buy what you want, and you don't know what to do. Let me share a list with you I came across the other day while reading a Campus Journal.

#### GIFTS THAT LAST

1. The Gift of Listening, really listening, no interrupting, no planning your response, just listening.
2. The Gift of Affection, generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds, show your love for family and friends.
3. The Gift of Laughter, share funny articles, stories and cartoons. Your gift will say "I love to laugh with you."
4. The Gift of Written notes, a simple "Thanks for the help" note. A simple scrap piece of paper with "God loves you" on it would mean the world to somebody, give them a lifetime of memories.
5. The Gift of a Compliment, a sincere "You look good," "You did a great job" or "You're special" can make someone's day.
6. The Gift of a Favor, going out of your way to do something kind for someone.
7. The Gift of Solitude, There are times when we want nothing more than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
8. The Gift of a Cheerful disposition. The easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good. Put a smile on your face. When you smile the whole world smiles with you.

Just in case after looking over this list, you did not find what you were looking for, share with them the greatest gift you ever received, Share with them JESUS. Tell them how he died for us, tell them how he was raised for us, tell how he has provided for us Eternal life. Offer the Gift that lasts forever.

Here's to you, praying that your Christmas will be the best ever.

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<p>WED. PRAYER MEET. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Ben Ampong, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Rev. Silas Madden Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Thurs. Night Service, 7:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Rev. Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. C. Turner, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class, 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:30 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Keith Peters, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. Williams, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:30 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROSTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Alfred Baker, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOLEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jimmy Madden, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZOAK COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Tues. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mt. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Ray Layton, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION</b> Mary Seavey Sunday Morn. Service, 10:30 a.m. Even. Service, 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION HOLINESS</b> Jimmie Bryson, Minister Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.</p>
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# LIFESTYLES

## Three-In-One Study Club meets in home of Mrs. Pauline Allen

The Three-In-One Study Club met for the December meeting in the home of Mrs. Pauline Allen. The house was beautifully decorated with the Christmas theme.

The hostess served a delicious plate of coffee and Friendship cake. Mrs. Wilson Newman, president, presided over the meeting. The club voted to give a donation to the revitalization of downtown Elba.

Mrs. Donald Lee gave the devotional.

For the program, Mrs. Kimmie Ham entertained the group with selections of Christmas music from the piano and organ. The program included: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Plainsong arranged by Martha Sherrill Kelsey - a Piano selection; "Silent Night, Holy Night" - Franz Gruher, arranged by Gail Smith - a Piano selection; "In Dulci Jubilo" - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau - an Organ selection; "Noel with Variations" - Claude Louis

Baltrastre - an Organ selection; "Christmas Medley" - arranged by Betty Jean Chatham - a Piano selection; Mrs. Ham closed the program with a Piano Christmas Medley.

Those present for the December meeting were: Mrs. Milton Warr, Mrs. Harley Hast, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Donald Lee, Mrs. Wilson Newman and Mrs. Kimmie Ham, visitor.

## Mr. and Mrs. Leon Adkins honored on 50th wedding anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Adkins

Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds December meeting

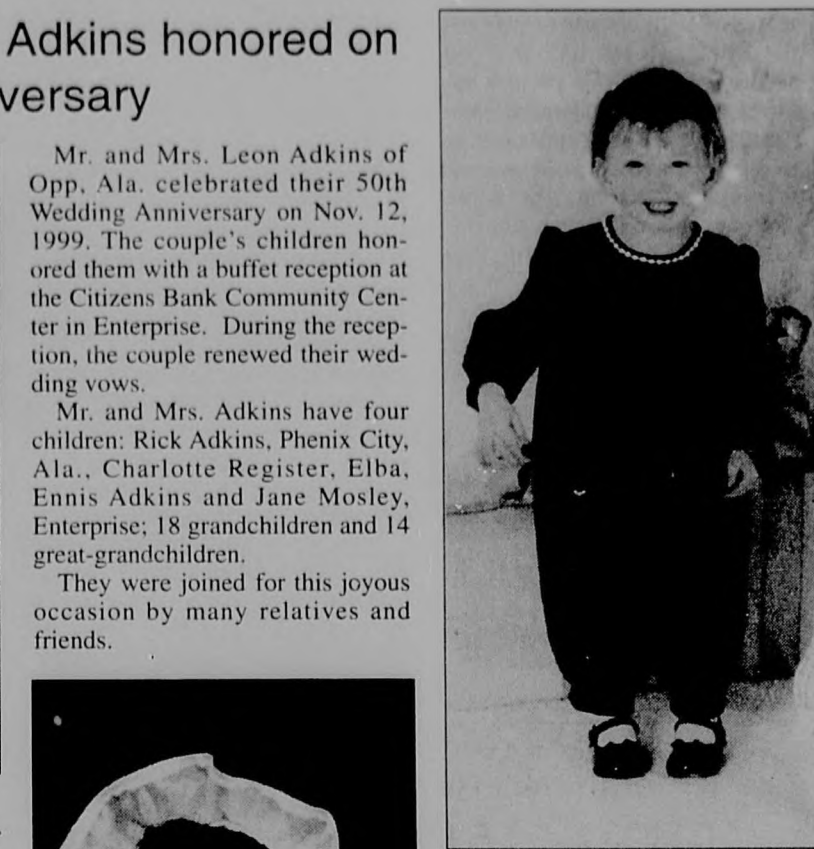
The members of the Magnolia Home & Garden Club assembled on Dec. 2, 1999 at the Elba Nursing Home to decorate the Christmas Tree in the dining room. Residents were present to witness the hanging of gold and red decorations. Poinsettias were also placed in the two Nurses' Stations. This is the highlight of service rendered by the club each year.

Those participating were Carolyn Brunson, Mavis Davis, Syble Hahn, Bette Ham, Margaret Hasty, Allene Lee, Thelma Hudson, Ann Miles, Adileen Newman, June Thompson, and Louise Hudson.

Millennium Celebration to be held in Elba sponsored by Chamber

Plans are being made for a "Millennium Celebration" on the square in downtown Elba for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1999. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is working to make it an event to remember and enjoy. Be sure to catch all the details in upcoming issues of The Elba Clipper, and make your plans now. The ring in the new year and millennium with your neighbors and fellow citizens on the square in downtown Elba.

Grandparents are Debra Lee of Elba, Steve Lee of Montgomery, Ala., Roger Millay of Union, Maine and Janet and Billy Berry of Elba. Great-grandparents are Marlene and Malcolm Willis of Elba, Wilbur and Ardith Millay of Camden, Maine and Archie McFarson of Opp, Ala.



Amanda Reeves

Amanda Reeves celebrates 2nd birthday

Amanda Reeves, daughter of Larry and Cindy Reeves, celebrated her second birthday on Nov. 25 with family members. Amanda is the granddaughter of Bobby and Lanette Boutwell and Carlton and Lenora Reeves, all of Elba.

DyKeya J'Yana Kyles is one year old

DyKeya J'Yana Kyles, the daughter of Shataya Paige of Opp and Detech Kreeel Kyles of Elba, celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 14, 1999. She has one brother, Dekarion Kreeel Kyles of Opp. She is the granddaughter of Ladetrea and William Underwood of Opp, Jewel and Doug Pierson of Elba and John Earl Kyles of Enterprise.

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# SCHOOLS

## Family Life Class

by Kayla Eddins  
Death and the circumstances that come with it have been among the objectives of the Family Life class taught by Mrs. Joan Hobbs in the Home Economics Department.

Mrs. Hobbs said, "This is a very difficult subject for me to teach and the students to learn. However, it is a reality for everyone, and the more we know about some of the things that will have to be faced, the better off we will be."

The members of this class have learned about the stages of grieving, living wills, organ banks, and funeral arrangements. Mr. Pat Sanders, a former Zion Chapel student, who is now a funeral director at the Fugua Funeral Home in Ozark, spoke to the class. His presentation covered many of the fears people have about death as well as some of the myths that have arisen over the years. After the presentation, the members of the class were able to ask questions about funeral costs and funeral services.

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LBW students left to right: Rhea Miller, Opp; Josh Hodge, Elba; Shea Free, Elba; and Jason Hudson, Laverne.

## Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Rachel Bryant, Sponsor

## A Busy Basketball Season



Pictured above (l-r) are: front - Heather Danley, Ceretha Towles, and Stacey Cape; back row - Morgan Hodge.

by Kayla Eddins  
It's basketball season and the players and coaches aren't the only ones staying busy. Ceretha Towles, Stacey Cape, and Heather Danley have their hands full come game night. These three students from Zion Chapel High School are this year's statisticians. They travel to every game. During the Junior High season, there were junior high games on the same nights as varsity games so these statisticians had to split up and keep the stats for all the games. Another person that is seen at every home basketball game is Morgan Hodge. You see her on the court, where she is one of the starting five for the girls varsity, and she sings the National Anthem between the girls varsity game and the boys varsity game.

## ZC Middle School 4-H Meets

Jenny Downing, Secretary  
The last monthly meeting of the Zion Chapel 4-H club was held at Mrs. Coale's classroom at Zion Chapel Middle School on Nov. 5, 1999, at 8 a.m. Courtney Dykes, vice-president, called the meeting

to order. Valerie Green and Keri Flowers, our song leaders, led us in two songs. Courtney Dykes, vice-president, led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag" and the "4-H Pledge."  
The club secretary, Jenny Downing, called the roll. Twenty-nine members and one visitor were present. The club secretary also read the minutes of the October meeting. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.  
Abe Childs, reporter, read the "thought for the day."  
Mrs. Hughes took the pictures up for the picture contest, then passed out the activity sheets. Our Program for the day was "Table Manners."  
Shaun Ellis made a motion to adjourn. Chance Winters second the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

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## New Middle Level FBLA Chapter Elects Officers

Lee Boutwell has been chosen president to head the slate of officers who will lead the newly chartered Middle Level Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America at Zion Chapel Middle School.

The other officers are eighth grade Vice President Ashley Smith, Seventh Grade Vice President Roy King, Recording Secretary Whitney Stephens, Corresponding Secretary Brittany Thompson, Treasurer Lance Dickey, Reporter Kimberly McDonald, and Historian Maegan Johnson.

These officers will lead the 39 members who have just finished their first fund raising activity, a sales campaign for Christmas items. The person who sold the most, after the funds are collected and in the bank, will get \$30. All the members who sold \$100 or more will have their membership fee refunded to them. All members who sold at least \$50 will be invited to a special lunch which will be served during an extended lunch period at school.

Austin Smith and Roy King went over the \$300 mark in their sales. Selling at least \$200 worth of items were Jamey White, Whitney Stephens, and Kelley Johnson. Members who sold at least \$100 worth of items were Nikki Presley, Brittany Thompson, Kim McDon-



Pictured (l-r) are: front row - Lee Boutwell, Ashley Smith, Roy King, and Whitney Stephens; back row - Brittany Thompson, Lance Dickey, Kimberly McDonald, and Maegan Johnson.

he given materials to study, and for these materials a test will be made to be given at the tournament. The top three scores earned on the test for each category will be awarded a trophy.

Categories for the tournament will include General Business, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, Computer Literacy, Keyboarding, and FBLA Principles and Procedures.

## SGA Meeting

by Daphne Jimrigh  
Sarah Maddox was elected vice president of the Student Government Association in a special called election to fill the vacancy caused by a school transfer. The vote was by secret ballot. The qualifications to hold office in the SGA includes having been a member during the previous year.

Other items of business conducted during the meeting was a decision to hold a food drive for the benefit of the dialysis center in Troy. This is a project that has been chosen by the SGA in the past.

## Rebel Basketball

by Ceretha Towles & Jessica Kelley

**B-Team, Girls Varsity, Boys Varsity**  
Late in November the B team, the varsity girls team, and the varsity boys team played Straughn.

The B team came close to a win. The final score was Straughn 36, Zion Chapel 34. Sam Wambles led the scoring with 13 points. Randall Brum had 7 points, and Brandon Arnold, Michael Rayburn, and James Simmons each had 4 points. Jonah Edmondson and Jon Sanders scored 2 points each.

The girls varsity game ended with the score Straughn 37, Zion Chapel 28. Rebecca Kidd led the team with 20 points. Kayla Eddins and Jessica Flowers each scored 4 points.

Wes Bragg led the scoring for the Rebels in the varsity boys game, but the final score was Straughn 63, Zion Chapel 38. Marcus Taylor had 11 points, Alan Sanders had 4, Josh McWaters and Johnny Brannan had 3, and Justin Prescott had 2.

The next game for the Rebels was against G.W. Long in Skipperville. Sam Wambles led the scoring for the B team with 13 points. Jonah Edmondson scored 9 points, Randall Brum and Jon Sanders each scored 4 points, and Michael Rayburn scored 2. The game ended with the score G.W. Long 58, Zion Chapel 32.

G.W. Long won the second game, the girls varsity, by a score of 72-25. Rebecca Kidd put 26 points on the board. Kayla Eddins added 4, Jessica Flowers scored 3, and Morgan Hodge had 2.

The varsity boys game ended in a closer score but G.W. Long still won. The final score was G.W. Long 59, Zion Chapel 52. Marcus Taylor led the Zion Chapel Rebels with 15 points. Josh McWaters had 9 points, Alan Sanders and Johnny Brannan each had 8. Wes Bragg had 7, and Jason Spear had 4.

**Junior High**  
Inessa Wambles, Danielle Carter, and Kim Rayburn made the points for the Zion Chapel junior girls team in a 33-7 loss against New Brocton. Inessa scored 4, Danielle scored 2, and Kim scored 1.

The junior boys had just about the same kind of hard time against the junior boys team from New Brocton. The final score was New Brocton 34, Zion Chapel 16. Scoring the points for Zion Chapel were Luke Taylor who had 4 points, and Johnell Brown, Macon Hodge, T.J. Winters, Josh Smith, Austin Smith, and Jamie Wise, each of whom scored 2 points.

Later that same week, the junior teams from Zion Chapel played the junior teams from G.W. Long. The girls score was G.W. Long 40, Zion Chapel 13. Scoring the points were Inessa Wambles, Berthel Scott, and Meta Gatlin. Inessa had 7, Bertha had 4, and Meta had 2. The boys score was G.W. Long 44, Zion Chapel 7. Macon Hodge, Jonah McWaters, and Johnell Brown each scored 2 points. Austin Smith made a free throw.

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## Troy State U. Registration

Troy State University will hold its spring semester registration Friday, Jan. 7, according to Brenda Campbell, Director of Admissions. Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 10.

All returning students will register in the departments of their academic majors, while students who have not declared a major will register at the Office of Counseling Services in Wright Hall.

New student orientation, which includes registration, is scheduled for Jan. 6. Graduate students will register Jan. 10-13 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Admissions, 134 Adams Administration Building.

For information about admissions or registration, call 1-800-551-9716.

## Jump In Jump Out & Introduce Yourself!

by Monique Ordon  
This week's student spotlight is eighth grader Randy Jerome Miller. He is the 14-year-old son of Keia Miller.

Randy was born in New Orleans, Louisiana but has been raised by his Aunt Belinda Ordon and grandmother Eva Miller ever since his mother died in 1991. He has one 15-year-old brother, Dominique, and one 11-year-old brother, Ron-reo.

Randy is a member of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church, but he also visits other churches around Elba. Many people describe him as loud and active but also very friendly.

In his spare time, he enjoys eating, singing, riding his bike, eating, going to church, and did I mention eating???

Randy is a member of Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, and he is also a runner for the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band.

The one thing he feels makes him different from people his age is the fact that he likes to go to



RANDY J. MILLER

church. Another thing is the fact that not too many people his age know what it feels like not to have a mother, but he does.

When asked what he enjoys most about Elba High School, he said that he loves the lunchroom food!!

## Mrs. Lee's Class Shares Poems

Ms. Lee's class has been studying communities and why they are located in particular places.

We have learned a lot about why communities are located on waterways. As an assignment in Social Studies, the students wrote poems about communities located on rivers.

We were very proud of our poems and would like to share them with you.

**Pea River**  
Pea River has rapids.  
The current is very fast.  
The river water is not pretty.  
But it is still fun.  
Morgan Anderson

**Elba**  
It's a small area.  
It has a river called "Pea River."  
It's a good community.

Elba is a school called Elba Elementary School.  
Richreana Singletary

**Montgomery**  
Montgomery is the capital of Alabama.  
It has a lot of stores and people.  
It has two big malls.  
It has an airport you can rent cars from.  
Chessie Cross

**Elba**  
I hear the crash of the water hit her house.  
I feel the handle of my reel and rod.  
I see the water go over the Pea River Dam.  
Then I see the Chinook salmon.  
I caught while fishing with Sam.  
Andrew Head

**Elba**  
Elba, where the Pea River flows.  
Elba, home of the Tigers.  
Elba, small town with a big heart.  
Elba, home sweet home.  
Kolera Burrows

**Mobile**  
My aunt and uncle live in Mobile.

## Warning Signs Of Drug Abuse

(NAPS)—How can you tell whether your child is using illegal drugs? One in four twelfth graders and one in eight eighth graders have reported using an illegal drug in the past month.

"As an emergency physician, one of the most painful experiences I've had is telling a parent that her child has just died from a drug overdose," said Dr. Larry Alexander of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "This is happening all too often in America today. The use of illicit drugs is spreading from high schools, to junior high—even to grade schools—and drug users are coming from all walks of life. We must educate young people about the dangers of drug use and employ every means possible to prevent its use."

Here are some symptoms to watch for to help you know whether your child is using drugs:

- Unexplained deterioration in school performance;
- Sudden resistance to authority, defiance;
- Attitude changes;
- Behavior problems;
- High-risk behavior, such as stealing or sexual promiscuity;
- Extreme mood swings (e.g., depression, anger);
- Changes in relationships or eating habits;
- Slurred speech;
- Appearing spaced out; and
- Presence of drug paraphernalia (cigarette papers, pipes, spoons).

Talking about drugs can be uncomfortable for parents. But if you don't talk to them, someone else will.

"Parents are the first defense in preventing drug use," said Dr. Alexander. "So educate yourself so you can give accurate information and explain the negative consequences of specific drugs. And remember to show by example that drugs are not a healthy choice."

In 1997, past month drug use increased to 26 percent among 12th graders, up from 14 percent in 1992. According to ACEP, few young people have a clear understanding of the risks associated with drug use, and even fewer view drug use as a negative behavior. In addition, drugs are readily available to anyone who wants to buy them, and the purity of drugs like cocaine and heroin is at its highest level historically, making their use more feasible and more affordable than ever before—as well as more dangerous.

For more information about illegal drug use and how you can talk to your child, visit the web site of the Office of National Drug Control Policy at [www.whitehouse.gov/ondc/policy](http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondc/policy). For more information and safety tips, visit ACEP's website at [www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org).

# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Kimberly Ward  
Cammie Kelley

## As Good As It Gets...

by Amy Kirkland

Each year, the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor a Good Citizens program and a scholarship contest for seniors.

Teachers nominate six seniors, three boys and three girls, based on qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

The senior class votes, and the person receiving the most votes is

named the DAR Good Citizen. The runner-up of the is named the EHS Good Citizen.

This year's EHS Good Citizen is Linda Gideon, the 16-year-old daughter of Troy and Roberta Gideon. Josh Lawford, the 17-year-old son of Wayne and Betty Lawford, is the DAR Good Citizen.

Congratulations Linda and Josh!

## Varsity Thankful for a Win

by Stephanie Williams

The Varsity Boy's Basketball Team has a lot to be thankful for.

The Varsity Tigers have started the 99-00 season off right by winning the Thanksgiving tournament. The Tigers (4-0) defeated Enterprise, Zion Chapel, Florida, and New Brocton.

This year the tigers are letting everyone know that they are a force to be reckoned with.

We have a new face in the start-

ing five, Monroe Williams, a 6'5" senior, starting at power forward. Joining Monroe in the starting five are Wayne Reed, Tim Ware, Josh Lawford, and Sammy Hill.

This bunch of tigers are on fire, and they want everyone to GET ON UP and come out and support them.

We look forward to many victories over the winter. We would like to wish Coach Johnston and the Elba Tigers good luck.

## ESJC NEWS

**WRITING** Learn how to write a novel with Enterprise State Junior College's new Intensive Novel Writing Workshop. This course is designed for adults. During the workshop, participants will learn how to develop a story structure, characters, dialogue and descriptions. Helpful techniques to use in getting a novel published will also be discussed. The workshop will be held by award winning author, Bonnie Stone. Mrs. Stone has published magazine articles, and both children's and non-fiction books. Classes will be held on Mondays, January 24-February 28, 6-8:30 p.m. There is a \$60 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Jan. 17.

**COMMUNITY BAND Musicians!** Enterprise State Junior College's Community Band is open for spring semester membership. This unique opportunity provides recreation through musical participation for those who have a background in instrumental music. Members must furnish their own instruments. Through participation in Community Band, members will gain in their knowledge of musical elements and in performance skills. There are no auditions for membership. There is a \$10 fee to take this course through Community Services, and it may be taken for one hour of college credit with regular tuition fees imposed. Registration is open through Dec. 17 then on the registration deadline date of Jan. 3. The Band meets on Mondays, Jan. 10-March 20 (excluding March 13), 7-9 p.m.

**PEA RIVER** The Pea River is strong. It will take you under the water. I have been fishing there before. It took me under.  
Courtney Richardson

My grandmother has a river behind her house.

**Kiera Roberston**

**Elba**  
Elba's Pea River floods a lot. So does Beaver Dam Creek. When I go visit there, We play hide and seek. Gabby Welch Pope

**PEA RIVER** The Pea River is strong. It will take you under the water. I have been fishing there before. It took me under.  
Courtney Richardson

**DANCING** You can learn steps and style in Latin dance including the rumba, cha cha, samba, tango, and mambo with Enterprise State Junior College's Social Dance (Basic Latin) course. Dancing ability or prior instruction in basic ballroom dance is required to enroll. Registration is accepted only if you have a partner, and the course is limited to the first ten couples registering. Classes will be held on Mondays, Jan. 10-March 20 (excluding March 13), 7-9 p.m. in ESJC's Student Center Multipurpose Room. There is a \$94 per couple fee, and the registration deadline is Jan. 3.

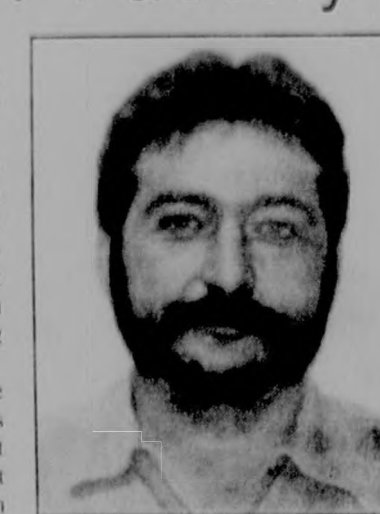
**SWIMMING** Tone up with non-impact exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming. Participants have the

## \*Meet Our Faculty\*

by Emilee Qualls  
This week we are introducing Mr. Bruce Sasser as our Meet Our Faculty teacher.

Mr. Sasser graduated from Elba High School and went to college at Auburn, Auburn State. He pursued a degree in Career Technical Education. He first started teaching at Elba High School and has been here for 11 years teaching Welding Technology.

Mr. Sasser is married with one child, Christopher Sasser, who is junior at Elba High. He says that his favorite thing about teaching at Elba High School is working with the young people, and helping to make a difference in their lives.



BRUCE SASSER

## TIGER BRIEFS

### SGA Can Food Drive

by Sara K. Miller

During the 2nd week of Nov., the Elba High School Student Council started a can food drive to help a needy family. The class who brought the most cans was to have a party as a reward. The defending champions were the junior class. The SGA put up posters and fliers to advertise about the drive. Many cans were brought in, and the competition was fierce. In the end, on Nov. 23rd the juniors surpassed everyone once again, and they will have a party to celebrate! In total the SGA received 235 cans. Thank you to everyone who donated.

### SGA Christmas Party

by Kimberly Ward

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, the Student Council held their annual Christmas party. The party was held at Mrs. Nelda Bailey's house. Mrs. Bailey is the sponsor for the Student Council. Everyone arrived at 6:00 and the party began. Everyone brought a dish of food, dessert, or an appetizer. The main course, chicken and broccoli casserole, was made by Mrs. Bailey. Every one stuffed themselves until they could eat no more. Everyone had a great time and left around 8:00. The Christmas spirit was definitely prominent at this party.

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Natasha Bannin

This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Josh Lawford. Josh is employed at Lawford's Ace Hardware/Radio Shack. His job duties include cashier, retail sales, inventory and lots of sweeping. Josh is the son of Wayne and Betty Lawford and is a senior at Elba High. He is a member of FCA, SGA, VICA, St. Beta, Tiger Reps, is a D.A.R. Good Citizen and is the Senior class president. His future plans are to attend Troy State University, major in business and take over Lawford's Ace Hardware/Radio Shack.

"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there."

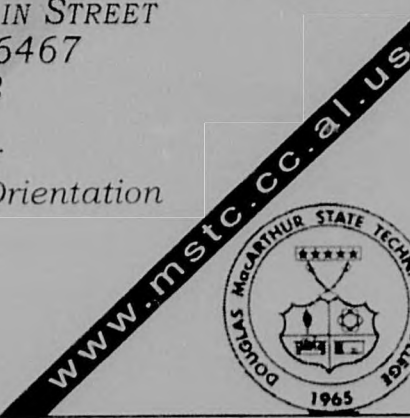
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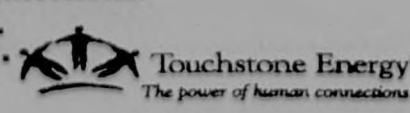
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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz bunch went down to Mobile over the weekend to visit Grandina, and in an effort to quiet down two very active girls took them shopping to get a few "early Christmas presents." Both girls agreed that anything they got would be a Christmas present and count against their total on Christmas morning; however, I have my doubts that either will remember that on December 25th!

## PASSING ON A FEW NOTES FROM THE DESK....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers had last week off in basketball, and it will be interesting to see which Elba team will take the court this weekend in the Andalusia Christmas Tournament. I hope it will be the Tigers that jumped out to an early 4-0 record and a #4 state ranking after winning the C, B and T Thanksgiving Tournament, but it could very well be the Tigers that looked flat and proceeded to get flattened in a big loss to Houston Academy. Elba will play some very good high school basketball teams over the holidays in both Andalusia and Red Level, and by the first of the year all Elba fans should know just how good this bunch really is.

\*\*\* The New Brockton Gamecocks kept rolling up the wins last week and once again are ranked in the state's Top 10 in Class 2A. The Gamecocks have a very balanced attack on offense, play smart on defense and are extremely well coached. If the Gamecocks can stay healthy and improve each and every week, they could indeed have a shot at making the big dance later in the year up in Birmingham. Elsewhere in the area, the Kinston Bulldogs lost twice last week at home to see their record slip to 3-5, and in both losses it was evident that the Bulldogs simply don't match up with teams that have size and quickness. Zion Chapel got a big win over Arton early in the week, but then got shocked over in McKenzie and lost to Florida big at home on Friday to fall to 3-6 on the season. The Rebels are dangerous, but it will still be an upset of sorts whenever the Rebs beat most teams on their schedule. Brantley opened the season Friday night with an easy win over Luverne, and while it is very early in the season for the highly-ranked Bulldogs, it looks like the Bulldogs may not have the "Dogs" this season to pile up the wins.

\*\*\* The Andalusia Christmas Invitational Tournament will begin Friday afternoon over at the Andalusia High School gym, and this year's event will have a definite Coffee County flavor with Elba, Enterprise and New Brockton among the teams in the eight-team field. Teams entered include (6A) Enterprise; (5A) Greenville, Andalusia, Opp and Carroll; (4A) Elba; (2A) New Brockton and (1A) Pleasant Home. My guess is that it will be Carroll, or Ozark, playing either Andalusia or New Brockton in the finals. However, look out for both Elba and Pleasant Home, because both teams could very well pull off a surprise or two. While on the subject of the Andalusia tournament, this will be the 33rd straight year that the event has been held, making it the longest running basketball tournament in South Alabama. Andalusia has won the tournament 18 times over the past 32 years, with other winners including Brantley, Aliceville, Monroe County, Northview, Red Level, New Brockton, Florida and Luverne. Current NBA standout Robert Horry, of Andalusia, won the tourney's MVP award three times, while former-Brantley star Wesley Person holds three individual records. It will be very fun tournament to watch, and all area fans should make their plans now to get over to Andalusia and see some of the action.

\*\*\* The Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week, and for the first time in many years it looks like the Rebels actually have a shot at winning their own event. The Rebels have been favored before, but have always seemed to be upset in the opening round, and even Coach Doug Branson thinks this could be his team's chance of keeping the title at home. Houston County and Dale County will join Arton and the Rebels in both boys and girls action in the annual event, and it should be another fun tournament to watch. See 'ya there!

\*\*\* Blount football coach Cornelius Brown resigned last week as the head football coach and athletic director at the school, and did so after reported pressure from the school's administration. Coach Brown drew statewide publicity when his team was forced to forfeit a playoff win after it was discovered a player was left off the team's eligibility list. The coach had a two-year record of 9-4 at the school, including the forfeit, and in '98 led Blount to the state 5A championship. School officials stated a search for a new coach would not begin until the spring.

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## Lady Tigers grab first two wins of young season



Elba's LaGina Mack (32) drives for a basket during early-season action. Mack scored 18 points last week to spark the Lady Tigers to their first win of the season in a 47-43 victory over Luverne.

## Elba Junior Tigers stay busy

It was another busy week of action for the Elba Junior High basketball teams, with all four teams hitting the court for games. The 8th grade Tigers posted wins over Enterprise 26-25, New Brockton 45-32 and Opp 36-33 to improve their record to 13-1, while the 7th grade Tigers lost to Opp 46-17 to see their record slip to 4-5. The 9th grade Lady Tigers defeated New Brockton 28-27 to move their record to 5-3, and the 8th grade Lady Tigers fell to Opp 22-13 to see their record slip to 1-8.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## 8TH GRADE BOYS

ELBA 26  
E'PRISE 25

The Elba 8th grade Tigers survived a scoreless second quarter to escape with a narrow 26-25 win over Enterprise Junior High, in Enterprise. The Tigers jumped out to an early 13-6 lead against the Wildcats, but failed to score in the second stanza as the 'Cats rallied and pulled within 13-10 at the half. Enterprise continued its surge in the third quarter and moved on top 22-19, only to see the Tigers rally late to post the 26-25 win.

Matthew Curran and Kirby Gray both scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Simmons led Enterprise with 12 points.

Elba (26): Curran 8, Gray 8, Horstead 4, Reed 2, Hill 4.

E'prise (25): Robertson 4, Simmons 12, Lewis 5, Stone 4.

ELBA 45  
N.B. 32

The Elba 8th grade Tigers used a big third quarter to pull away and rolled to a 45-32 win over New Brockton Junior High, in New Brockton. The Tigers owned a slim 23-22 lead at the half, but outscored the Gamecocks 11-0 in the third stanza to go on top 34-22, and rolled to the road win.

Kirby Gray scored 11 points and Marchello Reed added 10 to lead the Tigers. Also scoring for Elba were Horstead 6, Davis 5, Robinson 4, Moore 4, Gavin 3 and Hill 2.

ELBA 36  
OPP 33

The Elba 8th grade Tigers staged a second half rally to down the Opp Middle School Bulldogs 36-33, in Elba. The Tigers saw the Bobcats rally in the second quarter to grab an 18-13 halftime advantage, but then staged a rally of their own in the final two quarters to post the wild win.

The Elba Lady Tigers had a busy week of basketball action last week and claimed two wins in three games to improve their record for the season to 2-3.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

OPP 25  
ELBA 21

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the week's action against the 5A Opp Lady Bobcats and dropped a hard fought 25-21 decision. The Lady Tigers held the talented Lady Bobcats to a 4-4 tied after one quarter, but fell behind in the second stanza and trailed 12-9 at intermission. Elba rallied in the third quarter and pulled within 16-14, but saw Opp pull away late to avoid the Lady Tigers' upset bid.

LaGina Mack scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Smith scored 12 for Opp.

O 4 8 4 9 - 25  
E 4 5 5 7 - 21

Opp (25): Musgrave 3, Smith 12, Phillips 4, Craig 6.

Elba (21): Lawford 2, Boyd 4, Mack 9, McKinnon 6.

ELBA 47  
LUVERNE 43

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed their first win of the young season last Monday afternoon by claiming an exciting 47-43 win over Luverne. Both teams scorched the nets in the opening stanza as Elba edged out to a 16-15 advantage. However, Luverne battled Elba on both ends of the court and after three quarters the teams were tied at 37-37. Luverne moved on top 43-41 with only 52 left on the clock, but the Lady Tigers pulled

## Elba Tigers ranked 4th in Class 3A in weekly state basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its "High School Basketball Poll" for the week ending December 10, and included among the teams ranked in the state's Top 10 in their respective classes are (Boys) Elba, Clayton, New Brockton, Geneva County, Pleasant Home, Brantley, and (Girls) Andalusia, Eufaula, Headland, Arton, Houston Academy and G.W. Long.

Following is the complete prep poll for the week ending Dec. 10:

## BOYS

CLASS 6A - 1. Huntsville Butler, 2. Woodlawn, 3. Davidson, 4. Tuscaloosa Central, 5. Grissom, 6. LeFlore, 7. Jeff Davis, 8. Bob Jones, 9. Auburn, 10. Huntsville Lee.  
CLASS 5A - 1. Gardendale, 2. Blount, 3. Wilcox Central, 4. B.C. Rain, 5. John Carroll Catholic, 6. Eufaula, 7. Albertville, 8. Cullman, 9. Ramsay, 10. Anniston.  
CLASS 4A - 1. Sumter County, 2. Childersburg, 3. Beauregard, 4. Winfield, 5. St. Pauls, 6. Emma Sansom, 7. Lawrence County, 8. Livingston, 9. Weaver, 10. Comer.  
CLASS 3A - 1. Trinity, 2. Francis Marion, 3. UMS-Wright, 4. Elba, 5. DAR, 6. McIntosh, 7. Clayton, 8. Litchfield, 9. Danville, 10. Springville.  
CLASS 2A - 1. Mars Hill Bible, 2. Lineville, 3. Catholic, 4. Geraldine, 5. Gaston, 6. Section, 7. New Brockton, 8. Belgreen, 9. Cold Springs, 10. Geneva County.

CLASS 1A - 1. Courtland, 2. Pleasant Home, 3. Brantley, 4. Decatur Heritage, 5. St. Jude, 6. Akron, 7. St. Bernard, 8. Hubbertville, 9. Cedar Bluff, 10. ParkWay Christian.

## GIRLS

CLASS 6A - 1. Decatur, 2. Austin, 3. Butler, 4. Huffman, 5. Vestavia Hills, 6. LeFlore, 7. Baldwin County, 8. Thompson, 9. Wenonah, 10. Vigor.  
CLASS 5A - 1. Fairfield, 2. Andalusia, 3. Hazel Green, 4. Hartselle, 5. Escambia County, 6. Boaz, 7. Eufaula, 8. Buckhorn, 9. B.T. Washington, 10. Athens.  
CLASS 4A - 1. Lawrence County, 2. Dresher, 3. Glencoe, 4. East Limestone, 5. Headland, 6. Dadeville, 7. Guntersville, 8. Central Coosa, 9. St. Pauls, 10. Winfield.  
CLASS 3A - 1. UMS Wright, 2. R.C. Hatch, 3. Lauderdale County, 4. Pisgah, 5. Montgomery Academy, 6. Sulligent, 7. West Limestone, 8. Springville, 9. Briarwood, 10. Trinity.  
CLASS 2A - 1. Red Bay, 2. Cold Springs, 3. Fyffe, 4. Tanner, 5. Belgreen, 6. Mars Hill Bible, 7. Valley Head, 8. Lineville, 9. Hatton, 10. Arton.  
CLASS 1A - 1. Notasulga, 2. St. Bernard, 3. Carrollton, 4. Madison Academy, 5. Spring Garden, 6. Sunshine, 7. Houston Academy, 8. Donoho, 9. G.W. Long, 10. Speake.

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even on two free-throws by LaGina Mack, moved ahead on a pair of free-throws by Vaughan Boyd with only :05 left on the clock, and led the win on a steal and lay-up by Roshanda McKinnon at the buzzer.

LaGina Mack scored 18 points and Roshanda McKinnon added 10 to lead Elba, while McDonald scored 19 to lead Luverne.

E 16 8 13 10 - 47  
L 15 8 14 6 - 43

Elba (47): Lawford 3, Boyd 6, Kelley 2, Mack 18, McKinnon 10, Bludsworth 8.

Luverne (43): Kelley 11, Mash 2, McDonald 19, Mack 5, Lowery 6.

ELBA 36  
BRANTLEY 30

The Elba Lady Tigers made it two straight wins on Thursday afternoon by posting an exciting 36-30 win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Tigers rallied in the second quarter to pull even at 14-14 at the half, then used a big third quarter to take command at 25-20, and held on late to claim the impressive win.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Rachel Bludsworth added 6 points and grabbed 20 rebounds. Tamecia Burnett scored 11 points for Brantley.

E 4 10 11 11 - 36  
B 7 7 6 10 - 30

Elba (36): Lawford 3, Boyd 5, Mack 6, McKinnon 16, Bludsworth 6.

Brantley (30): T. Burnett 11, Wiley 6, Johnson 6, M. Burnett 7.

## SPORTS

Improves record to 7-1

## New Brockton continues to pile up wins

The highly-ranked New Brockton Gamecocks continued their winning ways last week as they rolled to a pair of wins to improve their record to 7-1.

The Gamecocks opened the week's action on Tuesday against the Straughn Tigers and posted a hard fought 61-47 win over the

Tigers, in New Brockton. New Brockton jumped out to an early 12-8 lead and increased its advantage in every quarter to post the important Class 2A, Area 2 win. Jason McKenzie scored 14 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Kellen Cole added 13 and Pate Harrison scored 12. Also scoring for the Gamecocks

were Adrian Grimes 9, Andre Flowers 6 and Danny Toole 2. Brock Bracewell scored 16 and Cory Williamson added 15 for (2-2) Straughn.

The Gamecocks made it look easy on Friday night in Georgiana as they rolled past the Panthers 65-43 to push their record to 7-1, 2-0 in

area play. Kellen Cole poured in 31 points and Adrian Grimes added 10 to spark the Gamecocks to the impressive road win. Adrian Franklin scored 10 points for Georgiana.

## Elba and New Brockton to compete in 33rd Andalusia Christmas tourney

The 33rd annual Andalusia High School "Christmas Invitational Basketball Tournament" will be held this weekend at the Andalusia High School gym, with a total of eight teams scheduled to battle it out for the coveted championship title.

The tournament will tip-off on Friday, Dec. 17, at 4:00 when the 3A Elba Tigers tangle with the 5A Greenville Tigers, to be followed at 5:30 with the clash between the 6A Enterprise Wildcats and the 2A New Brockton Gamecocks. At 7:00, the 5A Carroll Eagles will oppose the 1A Pleasant Home Eagles, while in the nightcap, at 8:30, the 5A Andalusia Bulldogs will host the 5A Opp Bobcats.

The semifinals are set for Saturday, Dec. 18, and at 6:00 the winner of the Elba-Greenville game will challenge the winner of the Carroll-Pleasant Home game, to be followed at 7:30 with the clash between the winner of the Enterprise-New Brockton game and the winner of the Opp-Andalusia game.

The consolation game will be played on Monday, Dec. 20, at 6:00, to be followed by the championship game at 7:30.

The tournament will feature some of the top small school teams in the state, as Elba is ranked #4 in Class 3A, New Brockton is ranked #7 in Class 2A and Pleasant Home is ranked #2 in Class 1A, while Andalusia will be looking to claim its sixth straight tourney title.

## Zion Chapel Rebels to host annual Christmas tourney on Dec. 20-21

Zion Chapel High School will host its annual "Christmas Basketball Tournament" on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 20-21, at the Zion Chapel gym.

The Zion Chapel Rebels will host the Rebels to a big win over Arton. The Rebels will host their annual Christmas Tournament Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 20-21, at the Zion Chapel gym.

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Zion Chapel's Marcus Taylor scored 37 points last week to lead the Rebels to a big win over Arton. The Rebels will host their annual Christmas Tournament Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 20-21, at the Zion Chapel gym.

## Zion Chapel spans Arton, stumbles in loss to Florala

The Zion Chapel Rebels hit the court twice last week and posted one win to see their early-season record move to 3-5.

The Rebels opened the week's action at home on Tuesday night and buried the Arton Purple Cats 77-39. Marcus Taylor poured in 37 points



## Area News

### Elba Cub Scouts Pack 37 assisting Salvation Army with Operation Santa Claus

Members of Elba Cub Scout Pack 37 are assisting the Salvation Army with this year's Operation Santa Claus. We will be collecting new and used toys for needy children this Christmas. Many of these children would otherwise not receive any gifts if not for these donations.

### ESJC business division expands again with computers

Enterprise State Junior College's Business Division boasts of a new laboratory for Office Administration and Office 2000.

Office Administration courses being offered this coming spring semester include all levels of Keyboarding, Wordprocessing, Electronic Calculations, Business English, Financial Record Keeping,

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Spring Semester classes will begin on Jan. 7, 2000. Registration is in progress through Dec. 17 and again Jan. 3-6.

For more information about these courses, call Dr. Wanda Flowers at 334-993-ESJC, ext. 287.

### OPEN HOUSE

The public is cordially invited to attend Open House in the Upholstery Department at MacArthur State Technical College on Thursday, Dec. 16 (TODAY), from Noon to 3:30 p.m.

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### Heidi Bowers named to dean's list at AUM

Heidi L. Bowers of Elba was named to the Dean's List of Auburn University Montgomery for fall quarter 1999. To be recognized on the Dean's List, Bowers maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average while taking at least 12 hours of course work.

### Christmas Trees

Richard Petcher  
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Part of the fun of Christmas is having a Christmas tree. If you really want to have some fun, this year when selecting a Christmas tree consider purchasing a live, fresh, local grown Christmas tree from one of our Coffee County Christmas Tree Farms. Make this a family outing, as part of your Christmas celebration and adventure. There are three local Christmas tree farms in Coffee County. Stinson Farm (897-5515) is approximately 12 miles north of Enterprise on Highway 167. Ralph Sharpless Farm (897-5157) is on County Road 353 near the Coffee County Lake north of Elba. The Jack Wise Farm (897-6284) is located between Damascus and Elba on Highway 87.

These farms offer some very nice Christmas trees and provide you the opportunity to choose and cut your own tree. This can be a fun family outing. Be sure to trim the bottom edge of the tree, and then keep the tree in water. Do not add preservatives to this water. Your tree will drink a lot of water the first few days. A fresh tree should be good for six weeks. Christmas trees make good gifts. There is a simple, inexpensive way to flame proof your Christmas tree. The process goes like this: You mix nine ounces of borax, four ounces of boric acid, one gallon of water and one-half tablespoon of any low sudsing detergent. Mix this thoroughly. Then saturate the tree and all of the needles with mixture.

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## Community News



1999 ALABAMA 4-H NATIONAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM COMPETES IN LOUISVILLE - 1 to 4 are B.J. Rice, Matt Windham, Rachel Carroll, Al Scheffer, and County Agent, Stan Windham. These young people competed well at the Louisville contest placing in the top ten in several categories. There were 40 teams competing from all over the United States. Congratulations to all of these 4-H competitors for a job well done.

### Elba work release inmates post over 1,500 hours of service during November

During the month of November, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 1,500 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 218 inmates worked for 1,744 hours on various projects for 10 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

The remaining 27 inmates were used by the town of Kinston and Coffee County Hwy. Department. 10 inmates helped the Town of Kinston by picking up garbage, and 17 inmates worked on road maintenance with the Coffee County Hwy. Dept.

According to Estes, the 1,744 hours of service provided by the 218 work release inmates equaled a total dollar value of \$8,981.60 for the month of November.

The National Guards of Elba, Daleville and Enterprise used 36 inmates to help with maintenance and cleaning projects. 22 inmates assisted the Elba Police Department by washing cars and cleaning offices. Also helping with cleaning projects were the 18 inmates who assisted Alabama Forestry by cleaning state property.

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WAX Scholarships awarded to AU students...Several students in the Auburn University College of Agriculture recently were awarded Wax Company Inc./Alabama Cattlemen's Association Scholarships. The winners were recognized at a special ceremony held in Auburn. Pictured at the event are, from left: Wendell Gibbs, president of the Cattlemen's Association; Matthew Farris of Elba, Kelly Miller of Safford, Miranda Harris of Cullman and Jamie Yeager of Marion Junction.

### Cub Scouts assist Salvation Army with Operation Santa Claus

Members of Elba Cub Scout Pack 37 are assisting the Salvation Army with this year's Operation Santa Claus. We will be collecting new and used toys for needy children this Christmas. Please drop a toy off at the Elba Recreation Center or contact any Cub Scout. You may also call 897-1261, and someone will be glad to pick-up your donation.

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# Elba's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Festival & Parade



## Area News

### SAEC membership meeting draws over 1,000



**McMonagle awarded Cattlemen's Association Scholarship.** Paul McMonagle of New Brockton (right), a student in Auburn University's Department of Animal and Dairy Science (ADS), was awarded the Tagged for Greatness Scholarship in ADS at a special recognition ceremony held on the Auburn campus. Pictured congratulating McMonagle is Jim Floyd, chairman of the ADS department.

### New Year's celebration planned in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Countdown to the New Year" on Friday, December 31, 1999, as plans have been made to ring in the old year and ring in the new millennium with a big celebration. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. There will be dancing, singing and lots more entertainment. Other activities will include buggie rides, face painting, pictures of you and your family in front of the historic courthouse, and a lighted ball drop from the top of the courthouse highlighted by a fireworks display and the release of hundreds of balloons.

### Ashlie Caylor of New Brockton wins cotton essay contest

by Richard Petcher  
County Extension Agent

Recently, as part of Cotton Pickin' Fun Day there was a cotton essay contest. The winning essay was by Ashlie Caylor a sixth grader at New Brockton Elementary School. I hope you enjoy her thoughts on "Cotton-Then and Now".

Cotton has been known to be one of the most important of the vegetable fibers. It has been spun, woven, and dyed since prehistoric times. Cotton formed the staple for clothing of India, Egypt, and China. Years and years before the Christian era, cotton textiles were woven in India with matchless skill, and their use spread to the Mediterranean countries. In the first century, Arab traders brought fine muslin and calico to Italy and Spain. Moors brought the cultivation of cotton to Spain in the ninth century. In the fourteenth century the first linen wrap was introduced in Venice and Milan. Very little cotton cloth was imported to England before the fifteenth century, although small amounts were obtained chiefly for candlewicks. By the seventeenth century the East India Company was bringing in rare fabrics from India. Before the white man arrived in the New World, cotton was skillfully spun and woven into fine garments and dyed tapestries. Cotton fabrics were found in Peruvian tombs and are said to belong to a pre-Inca culture. In color and texture, the Peruvian and Mexican textiles resemble those found in Egyptian tombs.

Now, the cotton gin, an invention of 1793, is a machine used for separating seeds from the fibers. Before cotton gins were invented people had to pick the cotton by hand. One type of cotton gin used in India consists of two revolving wooden rollers that draw lint in and leaves the seeds. A similar gin was used in the south United States for long staple cotton. Eli Whitney invented a saw gin that consisted of a toothed cylinder revolving against a grate that enclosed the seed cotton. We get a lot of things from cotton. Some examples are clothes, shoes, tote bags, and stuffed animals. There are so many things that I can't name.

them all. Thanks to cotton gins we have all of these things. Just look how far we've come. From picking the cotton by hand to the machines that help us pick the cotton. I am so glad that we have the technology that help us pick the cotton.



Cotton Then and Now was the title of the recent Cotton Essay Contest for the cotton Pickin' Fun Day. Mrs. Anne Allison, 6th grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary held this contest for her class. Shown are 1st place winner Ashlie Caylor, 2nd Place Mark Windham, and third place, John Sawyer. Ashlie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Caylor of New Brockton.

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addressed the issue from that perspective. "The Y2K issue is particularly important for utilities because we provide an essential service," Etheredge said. "Think of all the devices in your home that are powered by electricity. Which ones can you do without? Obviously, none of them, and we don't want you to do without them, either."

Etheredge went on to explain the steps taken by AEC to prepare for Year 2000 and talked about the national drills conducted to determine readiness. "We participated in the April 9 and September 9 drills conducted through the North American Electric Reliability Council, and we passed with flying colors. We are currently conducting contingency planning to prepare for the year 2000 roll over. Planning for unexpected events is a normal activity in South Alabama Electric's and AEC's realm of business - whether it is a hurricane, ice storm, growth in the system or another possible effect. We can't make guarantees, but we do not expect power outages due to the transition to the year 2000. AEC's mission-critical systems are 100 percent ready for the year 2000 roll-over."

Davis also took this time to reassure SAEC member's about the cooperative's readiness to deal with the year 2000 roll-over as well. "Your cooperative has also been

addressing the Y2K issue and planning for the worst case scenario, we are implementing the same plans as for any other major emergency," Davis said. "We are accustomed to being prepared to respond to pending weather conditions coming into our area and the Y2K issue will be treated the same. The employees of your cooperative will be working December 31 and the office will be opened for business. After normal working hours, the employees will be on call and readily available for a prompt response to any situation necessary for power reliability. It is our desire to continue providing the same reliable and efficient service which you have become accustomed to."

In other business, the members of



Members of South Alabama Electric Cooperative register at this year's annual meeting.

### New Year's Eve dinner party to be held at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a New Year's Eve dinner party on Friday, December 31, 1999, at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast beginning at 7:00 p.m. Prime Rib with all the trimmings will be served and each guest will be given a souvenir glass. Space is limited. Call the Chamber office today at 897-3125 to make reservations. The cost is \$25 per person.

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## Lindsey chosen as 1999 Outstanding Cooperator

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Gareth Lindsey of Elba was recently selected by the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District as the 1999 Outstanding Cooperator.

Lindsey was born and raised on a farm in northwest Coffee County where the family farm of his youth centered around cotton, corn, peanuts, hogs and cattle. It was a way of life that never entirely left him throughout his life.

Lindsey attended school in the Pine Level Community until his eleventh grade year. It was at that time he decided he was smart enough to make it on his own. He left school and joined the United States Marine Corps. During this time, Chinese Communist forces invaded South Korea and Gareth ably served his country during the Korean War.

The Marine Corps taught Lindsey

the necessity of getting an education. After his service in the Corps, he continued his education which included attending law school at the University of Alabama. After graduation, he returned to Elba to begin his law practice that continues today.

Beginning a law practice in 1958 did not isolate Gareth from his farming roots. On the contrary, he continued the family farm operation until 1998. The operation consisted of cattle, peanuts, corn, and in the latter years, cotton. He also built up a purebred polled Hereford cattle herd of 500 head. He row-cropped 300 acres of peanuts, 600 acres of cotton, 300 acres of corn, and grew hay on 160 acres.

At an early age, Gareth became mindful of the necessity of applying and maintaining conservation practices on the land. He was taught the importance of maintaining good soil health by planting and plowing in blue lupine. This added

organic matter and nitrogen to the soil. He witnessed the construction of terraces, which protected the land from damaging erosion, with mules and slip rams.

Lindsey continued to apply conservation practices throughout his farming years. He constructed parallel terraces which provided erosion control and the more efficient use of farm equipment on the fields. Grassed waterways were constructed and underground pipelines were installed to safely convey rainfall runoff out of the fields. Earthen, grassed diversions were constructed to divert stormwater away from erosive areas on the farm.

Peanut hay, a valuable feed for cattle, was not removed from fields after harvest. Instead, the hay was left on the land to add organic matter and nutrients back to the soil. Grassed field borders were established to trap sediment and prevent it from leaving fields and contaminating nearby streams.

Lindsey's pastures were not overgrazed and abused. Cattle stocking rates were adjusted and grazing rotations were followed so that grass was kept in a healthy condition, and the soil resource base was protected.

Lindsey's use and concern for the land made him a conservationist long before conservation and environmentalism began making the headlines. His management of the land resulted in the production of food and fiber in a way that was harmonious to the environment. And, his management of cropland, pastureland, and hayland kept soil erosion to a minimum.

Streams and creeks on Lindsey's property flowed clean and uncontaminated on to the downstream property owners. His conservation style was good for him, good for Coffee County, good for Alabama, and good for our country.



Gareth Lindsey (right) accepts the 1999 Outstanding Cooperator award from Kenneth Sanders (left). Lindsey was chosen as recipient of this award by the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District.

## 2000 Relay for Life set to kickoff in January

The kickoff for Coffee County's American Cancer Society 2000 Relay for Life campaign will be Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting.

## Recycling for Rex & Kitty

No matter how you stack 'em, 200 million aluminum cans really add up. That's how many have been recycled through Paws to Recycle, a program that benefits animal shelters and non-profit animal organizations.

The program is now in its sixth year. Shelters hold can drives to raise money for operating costs and to compete for cash prizes that go toward operating budgets.

Craig Covert, manager of marketing communications for Alcoa's Rigid Packaging Division, emphasized that Paws to Recycle is a win-

win program, working to benefit both animal shelters and the environment.

"While raising funds for shelters," he said, "Paws raises awareness of the importance and ease of recycling. The program makes it easy for everyone to save aluminum cans and put them to good use by participating shelters."

*It's good to Recycle!*

## H&R Block to participate in IRS Debt Indicator Program

H&R Block recently announced that it has been named a partner in the IRS's "Debt Indicator" pilot program for the upcoming tax season. The Debt Indicator program will aid the IRS and its partners in screening for electronic filing fraud and is also expected to substantially reduce refund anticipation loan (RAL) pricing.

"The IRS's decision to launch the Debt Indicator program is good news for many of our clients who opt to receive the amount of their refund through Refund Anticipation Loans," says Frank L. Salizzoni, H&R Block's chief executive officer. "The IRS program will likely result in substantially lower fees for this service."

The Debt Indicator notifies lending institutions if a taxpayer's refund will be reduced by an offset, which occurs when taxpayers have back taxes, delinquent student loans or overpayments from federal agencies. Under the program, the IRS will offer its partners information

on refund offsets in exchange for tax preparers' help in strengthening anti-fraud efforts and increasing the number of e-filed returns. Anti-fraud efforts include using the resources of the Fraud Service Bureau, a scoring and screening service operated by Household International on behalf of member banks, that helps to identify potential fraudulent or abusive returns.

The company noted that in fiscal year 1994, the last year an IRS notification program was available, 5.5 million Block clients qualified and chose to get their money within two to three days through the RAL program. After that program was discontinued, the number of qualifying and participating clients was cut and the cost of RALs to remaining clients increased dramatically due to the higher bad debt costs incurred by lending institutions.

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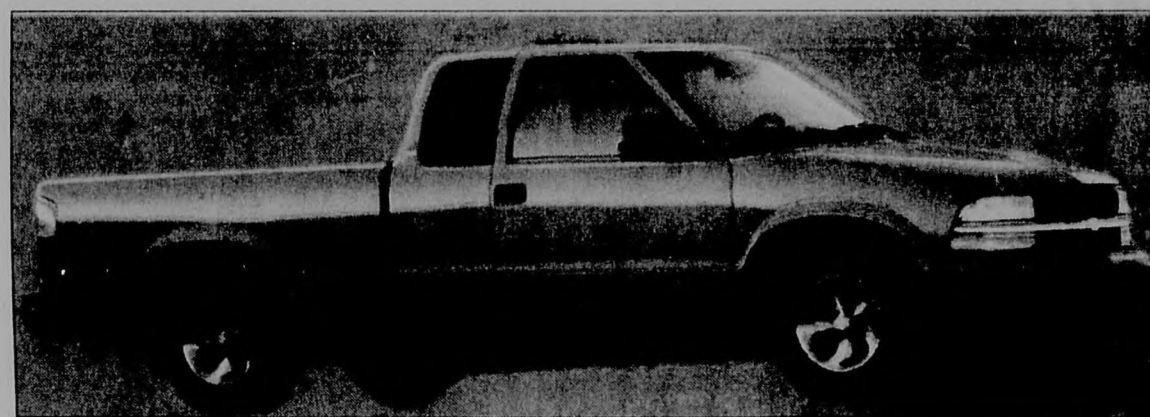
## Registration underway at ESJC

Registration for spring semester is now open at Enterprise State Junior College. Registration will be held through Dec. 17, and then Jan. 3-6. For more information about how to be admitted to the College or how to register, call the main campus at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234, the Ft. Rucker campus at 334-598-3438, or visit our web site at [www.esjc.cc.al.us](http://www.esjc.cc.al.us).

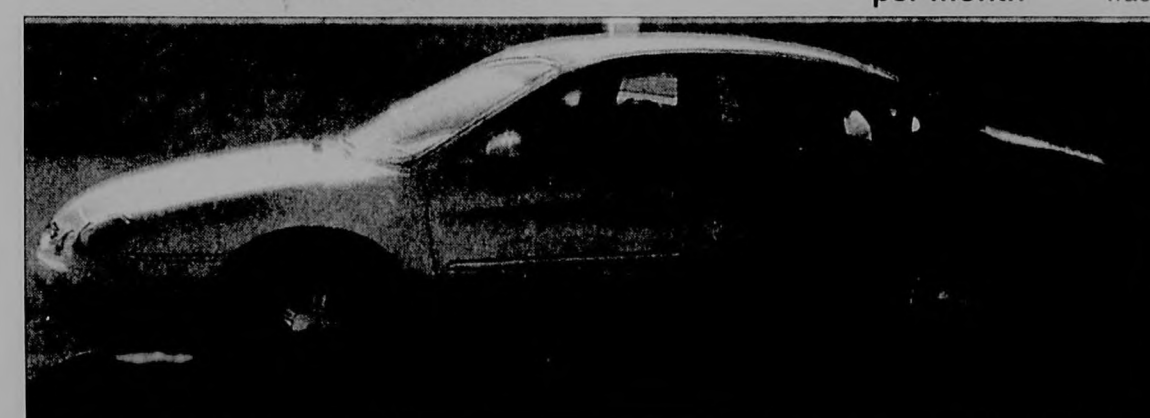
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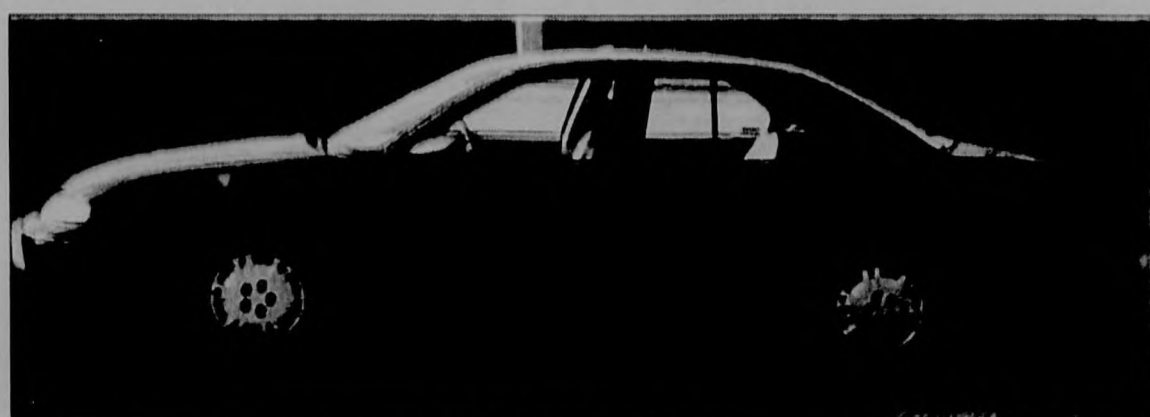
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